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SUBJECT: LAWS OF WAR CONFERENCE - DEMARCHES ON WARS OF
NATIONAL LIBERATION

REF: GENEVA 1921

1. EMBOFF MET MARCH 26 WITH FOREIGN SECRETARIAT DIRECTOR
GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS (GONZALEZ
GALVEZ) TO DISCUSS CONTENTS OF REFTEL. DURING COURSE OF
CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF GONZALEZ GALVEZ PLACED CALL TO
PALACIOS TREVINO IN GENEVA. LATER IN DAY, HE INFORMED EMBOFF
THAT MEXICO HAD ABSTAINED IN COMMITTEE DECISION TO BRING
ISSUE TO VOTE IN PLENARY.

2. GONZALEZ GALVEZ ARGUED THAT PARAGRAPH 2 OF DRAFT TEXT
FOR ARTICLE 1 IS VERY CAREFULLY DRAWN TO EXCLUDE SUBJECT-
IVE JUDGMENTS CONCERNING APPLICABILITY. HE WAS NOT
WILLING TO AGREE THAT CONCEPT OF "JUST WAR" WOULD BE
INTRODUCED THROUGH ADOPTION OF THIS TEXT.

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3. GONZALEZ GALVEZ FURTHER REVEALED HIS PERSONAL

SKEPTICISM CONCERNING SERIOUSNESS OF THIS ISSUE TO USG.
HE ALLUDED TO OUR INITIAL "HARD" POSITION ON ISSUE OF
LIMITATION OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS, NOTING THAT WE HAD
EVENTUALLY COME TO ACCEPT THAT COMPROMISE MIGHT BE
POSSIBLE. OBVIOUSLY, HE FEELS WE MIGHT EVENTUALLY COME
AROUND EVEN IF PRESENT WORDING ON ARTICLE 1 IS ADOPTED.

4. GONZALEZ GALVEZ AGREED TO INSTRUCT MEXDEL AT GENEVA
TO SUPPORT EFFORTS IN FAVOR OF SEEKING COMPROMISE. (ON
LATTER POINT, HE WAS ASSURED THAT WE IN FACT DO BELIEVE
COMPROMISE POSSIBLE -- PARA 4 REFTTEL.) IN LATTER CASE,
HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT WE WOULD PROVIDE ALTERNATE TEXT
AT AN EARLY DATE. IN EVENT ISSUE IS FORCED TO A VOTE,
MEXICO, AS CO-SPONSOR, WILL HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE OTHER
THAN TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF ARTICLE AS APPROVED BY COMMITTEE I.
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